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Stones get a police escort for their

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

New chapter as library is moved – 1975

NEVER had the cherubs on top of the marble columns looked down on a scene of such noise and commotion. For years they have held sway over an atmosphere of dignified hush in the library in Wheeler Street, Cambridge.

But all that changed when removal men dismantled bookcases and piled thousands of books into crates ready to go to the ultra-modern library in Lion Yard.

As men stripped away its contents, the room with its faded splendour and peeling yellow paint looked remarkably small.

It was never easy to reach the top or bottom shelves of the tall bookcases. Anyone bold enough to crouch down and survey the low shelf inevitably collided with some other borrower standing behind.

Stones Roll up in Black Maria – 1965

ELABORATE plans were made to see that The Rolling Stones arrived and departed in Cambridge in safety.

Three members of the group, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Charlie Watts, arrived behind a haystack three miles from the city centre, having driven from London and willingly accepted a lift in a Black Maria for the last stage of their journey to the Regal Cinema.

The route had been carefully mapped out and they arrived at the stage door without a fan getting within 200 yards of them.

Two members, Brian Jones and Bill Wyman, failed to turn up at the appointed time but were collected by a police escort at a second attempt. They had stayed on in Birmingham for a party.

A very tired Mick Jagger said they had last had a holiday three months ago and it will be two months before we get another break. But, by the time they went on stage, all outward signs of tiredness had gone.

A few of the audience made a dash down the aisles but were hustled back by members of Shelford Rugby Football team.

The Rolling Stones on the way to their Cambridge date in unconventional style

Petition to save school for village – 1952

WILBURTON parents signed a petition against proposals to convert the manor of Wilburton into a residential school for children with special educational needs.

The present village school was blacklisted as far back as 1912 and condemned in 1937 so a new school was long overdue.

Its position on the main street, which carried an incessant stream of traffic, constituted a daily danger to the children.

The manor standing at the end of a long drive was part of the heritage of the village and could be adapted to make an ideal and beautiful school for village children.

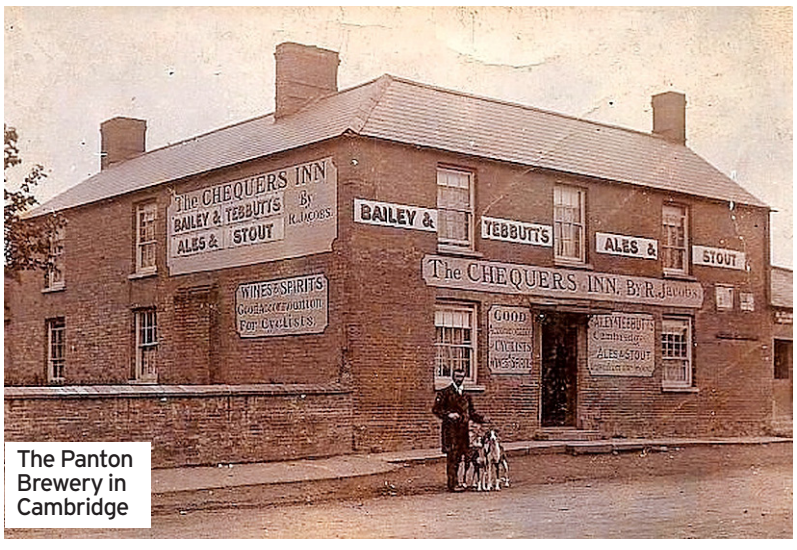
Brewery's treat for its staff – 1908

IN accordance with their customary generosity, Messrs Bailey and Tebbutt of the Panton Brewery, Cambridge, entertained their numerous harvest customers working on farms in the Stretham district to a supper in a large barn lent by Mrs George Wright.

The gathering numbered over 70 and a capital repast was served by host and hostess Jacobs of The Chequers Inn.

The happy faces showed the supper and musical evening gave great satisfaction.

The entertainers were: W. Woolfe, Russell Sennitt, T. Fletcher, George Nichols, A. Setchell, James Sindall, John Kirby, James Baxter, J.H. Graham and P. Parish.



The Panton Brewery in Cambridge

The village school in Wilburton had been condemned in 1937

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